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CONFIRMATION NO. 6741

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- Figure(s) 3I described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted items(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR**

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**1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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Docket No. END919990117US2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: R. F. Barnard, et al  
Serial No.: Not assigned Group No.: 3623  
Filed: Herewith Examiner: S. M. Meinecke Dias

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROJECT DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING  
A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM**

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Docket No. END919990117US2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: R. F. Barnard, et al  
Serial No.: 10/808,834      Group No.: 3623  
Filed: 25 March 2004      Examiner: S. M. Meinecke Dias

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROJECT DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING  
A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM**

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Abstract, page 126  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

Applicant : R. F. BARNARD, ET AL.  
Serial No. : 10/808,834  
Filed : 25 March 2004  
  
Examiner : SUSANNA M. MEINECKE DIAZ  
Group : 3623  
  
Entitled : System and Method for Project Designing  
and Developing a Procurement and  
Accounts Payable System  
  
Docket No. : END919990117US2

RESPONSE TO FORMALITIES LETTER

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 8 June 2004, indicating that the filing date (03/25/2004) has been granted.

Applicants' attorney expresses appreciation for courtesy extended by the customer service representative with whom he spoke on 26 July 2004 regarding the Notice.

Two parts have been listed as omitted from the application:

First, an abstract of the disclosure.

Applicants attach hereto a copy of page 126, which is

the abstract page as requested. Applicants appreciate the explanation of the customer service representative that submission at this time of the abstract would not affect the filing date already granted.

Second, Figure 3I.


In a preliminary amendment, copy attached, filed concurrently with the divisional (03/25/2004), applicants amended the specification to remove reference to Figure 3I.

Applicants request that this communication be accepted as in full compliance with the above referenced formalities letter, with the filing date of 03/25/2004 preserved, and that the case be examined on the merits.

Sincerely,

R. F. BARNARD, ET AL.

By

  
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Date: 26 July 2004

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